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SUBJECT: REVOLUTIONARIES MEET IN DUBLIN

1. THE "OFFICIAL" WING OF THE IRISH SINN FEIN ORGANIZATION HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL HOST A MEETING OF "REVOLUTIONARIES FROM LIBERATION MOVEMENTS" IN DUBLIN AND BELFAST NEXT JULY. ACCORDING TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT 400 DELEGATES ARE EXPECTED FROM SUCH GROUPS AS THE MPLA, THE RUSSIAN AND CUBAN BACKED ARMED FORCES IN
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ANGOLA, THE PLO, BASQUE REVOLUTIONARIES, CHILEANS, EAST AND WEST

GERMANS AND VIETNAMESE.

2. FOR ADDRESSEES WHO ARE NOT CLOSE FOLLOWERS OF IRISH AFFAIRS, SINN FEIN IS THE LEGAL POLITICAL WING OF THE ILLEGAL IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY (IRA). SEVERAL YEARS AGO THE IRA/SINN FEIN SPLIT INTO TWO SEPARATE AND OPPOSING (SOMETIMES FIGHTING) GROUPS, THE "OFFICIALS" AND THE "PROVISIONALS." THE PROVISIONALS, BY FAR THE LARGEST GROUP, ARE RATHER OLD-STYLE IRISH REPUBLICAN REVOLUTIONARIES WHOSE ONLY IDEOLOGY IS TO FIGHT THE BRITISH AND UNIFY IRELAND. THE PROVISIONALS HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR MOST OF THE VIOLENCE OF THE LAST SIX YEARS. THE OFFICIALS, WHILE ALSO ESPOUSING REPUBLICANISM, ARE QUITE IDEOLOGICALLY INCLINED MARXISTS WHO HAVE LATELY BEEN DRIFTING CLOSER AND CLOSER INTO THE RUSSIAN CAMP, ALTHOUGH ORIGINALLY TROTSKYIST. THE OFFICIALS TRIED TO HOST A REVOLUTIONARY CONVENTION LAST SUMMER BUT FEW SHOWED UP AND THE AFFAIR WAS A FAILURE. HOWEVER, NOW THE OFFICIALS SEEM TO HAVE MORE FUNDS - WE CAN EASILY GUESS AT THE SOURCE - AND THIS EVENT MIGHT COME OFF IF THE GOI DOES NOT TAKE MEASURES TO PREVENT IT.
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